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Applicant(s): David Llewellyn Mallis et al.

Invention: WEDGE THREAD WITH TORQUE SHOULDER

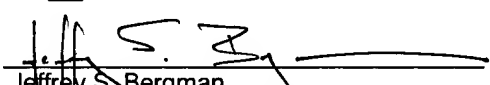
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For: WEDGE THREAD WITH TORQUE  
SHOULDER

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2005, please reconsider this application in view of the following.